

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Zimmer for indicating that Claims 5, 10 and 11 are free from the prior art and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As the Examiner will note, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 5. Applicants submit that Claim 1, and the claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the same reasons that Claim 5 was indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Haselhorst (U.S. 6,300,455) in view of Hatanaka (U.S. 4,329,275).

With regard to the objection to the specification as outlined on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants offer the following clarification.

The reason why the composition of Comparative Examples 1 and 3 did not cure is fully described in the specification. As described on page 13, lines 17-21 of the specification, when the composition of the present invention is cured under heating, the component (E) oxidizes the component (D), thereby causing the component (D) to lose its inhibitory effect, and accordingly, is able to ensure a rapid and reliable curing of the composition by the platinum based catalyst. The component (E) was absent in the composition of Comparative Example 1 or was present in an insufficient amount in the composition of Comparative Example 3. Therefore, the component (D) in the compositions was not or was insufficiently oxidized by the component (E) and maintained its inhibitory effect. As a result, the compositions did not cure.

Applicants submit that this clarification should be sufficient for the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

In light of the above remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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